Micronutrient deficiency among women and children

58. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish a Public-Private-Civic partnership with a time bound programme to tackle the micronutrient deficiencies among the women and children;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented by Government; and

(d) the details of the programmes undertaken in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Although the issue of micronutrient deficiencies is being addressed through various public interventions, there is no proposal at present to establish a public-private-civic partnership in this regard.

(d) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh is implementing the Reproductive and Child Health Programme, an integral part of National Rural Health Mission for prevention and control of iron deficiency anaemia in pregnant and lactating women and children, as well as Vitamin A deficiency in Children upto 3 years. National Iodine Deficiency Disease Control Programme (NIDDCP) is being implemented in the entire State for prevention and control of Iodine Deficiency Disorders in the entire population including women and children.

Micronutrient Deficiency

59. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a report on controlling vitamins and mineral deficiencies in India by Micronutrient Initiative, less than Rs. 5 per child every year is sufficient to tackle the problem of micronutrients;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Report has recommended for establishing public-private-civic partnership with a time-bound 5 year plan; and

(c) if so, what Government are thinking of doing in this regard?